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Madam:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated May 17, 2005, Applicants herein submit a replacement "Amendments to the Claims" section for that previously submitted on February 11, 2005 in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Please replace the "Amendments to the Claims" section previously submitted on February 11, 2005 with the enclosed version.

If the Examiner wishes to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

No fees are believed to be owed since this Notice is timely responded to by Applicants. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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